



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship — April 19, 2026

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” — Hebrews 13:2

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Melanie Townsend

HEAD USHERS: John & Mary Pat Gilbert

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

NURSERY CARE is available during worship, located in Room 22 in the east wing.

RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

PAD: Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below.



CONTACTING STAFF: The main office is open 8am–4pm, M–F. To reach a staff member by e-mail:

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"Pray for one another" — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Pam Hearn and Brandon Hearn and family in the death of Pam's brother, Brandon's uncle.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Chris Frye, Donna Goeckler, Nathan Littlejohn, Harold Frye, Bill Brown

Cancer Treatment: Tom Jennings, Trooper Shaw, Johnnie Baker

Aging Challenges: Lee Will, Charlie Bogan

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye, Eliana Wilson. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

Peace and Relief Workers; Unemployed and Underemployed; Families Struggling with Separation and Divorce; Individuals Struggling with Depression; Those Contemplating Suicide and Those Left Behind.

Heartland Presbytery Partnership of Prayer: Shawnee Presbyterian Church, Shawnee, KS; Community Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph, MO

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL GUEST Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull. She will provide our children's sermon during worship today. After the service, join us in Adult Sunday school to learn more about the environmental focus of *God's Green, Resourceful Earth* of which the *Growing Gardens, Feeding Minds* comes. **Please join us at noon for lunch in Heartland Hall.** You will hear about the project [*Growing Gardens Feeding Minds*](#), a project of the African Inland Church, working to put gardens in schools so school children can eat lunch for only \$12.00 /year.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED: Our volunteer planning committee is busy preparing for a great week of VBS this June. We offer VBS to our members and community for a low cost thanks to your donations. Stop by our donation board located outside the sanctuary or visit our Amazon wish list if you prefer. We will be adding items as planning continues so check back with us as many times as you can. Items should be returned to church as soon as possible to allow our preparations to continue. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QVESOZQ7U30V?ref=wl_share

MUSIC

ENCOREKC! CHORUS AND ACT II SPRING CONCERT "WHY WE SING" is Sunday, April 26, 3pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Olathe. Rick Gilpin will be guest conducting many of his compositions. The chorus is celebrating their 5th anniversary with a new commissioned work from Greg Gilpin, "In Time of Silver Rain." Join in on the fun of inspiring music by many of our own church members. ENCOREKC! Foundation is artist-in-residence at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. **On May 1, all of the ensembles of ENCOREKC!** will perform at GCPC, 7pm in the Sanctuary. Celebrate our woodwind quintet, brass ensemble, ukulele ensemble, and Belle Voci, the EKC women's choir. See you then!

BELL FEST XXXVI: AMERICANA — This year's Bell Fest, held on **Sunday, May 3, at 6pm**, celebrates the rich sounds and spirit of Americana, featuring music inspired by American folk traditions, beloved hymns, and classic melodies with a warm, roots-inspired feel. While handbells are at the heart of the concert, Bell Fest also showcases a wide variety of musical gifts, making this a joyful and unique evening of music for the whole community. Bring your friends and family and experience an evening filled with beautiful music, community, and the spirit of Americana.

CHILDREN

TODAY: JOY! And CELEBRATION! Choirs sing in worship.

Awakening To Worship: 4yo–1st grade, age-appropriate worship experience in Room 12 (downstairs). Children leave from the children's sermon in worship and travel downstairs together with helpers. They finish at the end of worship.

Sunday School, 10:45–11:45am

10:45–11:05am: JOY! (Rm 26) and CELEBRATION! (Rm. 15) choirs rehearse and the children are escorted to their Sunday school classes by leaders, they can be picked up in their Sunday school lesson rooms. (Listed below)

11:05–11:45am: Sunday school lessons: Toddlers (2–3yo) Room 20; Preschool (4–5yo) Room 25
4–6pm, SMASH (K-5th grade fellowship)

COMING UP:

- **April 26** — Worship, ATW, Sunday School all ages, VBS volunteer training
- **May 3** — Worship, ATW, ALL MUSIC for 4yo-5th, Bell Fest in the PM
- **May 10** — Mother's Day – Worship, ATW, Sunday School
- **May 17** — LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL (for the school year) – Worship, ATW, Sunday School, 4–6pm SMASH and Youth Group
- **May 24** — Pentecost, Memorial Weekend, NO ATW, NO Sunday School

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Snowball Mountain Challenge — Find your strength in God! Vacation Bible School, June 1–5, 9am–12pm, ages 4 yrs – 5th graders, and MS/HS helpers! Sign up here!



YOUTH

TODAY: 4–6pm, Youth Group

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- **May 3** — worship, Sunday school, Bell Fest at 6pm
- **May 10** — Mother’s Day, worship, Sunday school
- **May 17** Last Day of Sunday school, 4–6pm, Youth Group

KAIROS

OUR SOLES 4 SOULS SHOE COLLECTION is closing down as of April 30, 2026. Sadly, the cost in manpower and money has grown to a level that brings us to this decision. ***HERE IS YOUR CHALLENGE: Let's make the month of APRIL 2026 the biggest one-time collection GCPC has ever had!*** (More information in the April GCPC [Grace Notes](#) newsletter. Some have asked how to contribute to shipping costs; see Jo Randolph OR put a check in the collection plate and memo: S4S shipping.)

MISSION

THE GOOD FAITH NETWORK INVITES EVERYONE to join us at the Nehemiah Action Event on Tuesday, April 28, 6pm at United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave., Leawood. The event is part of the Good Faith Network's efforts to ask for commitments from local decision-makers who have the power to implement our requests for specific actions. Each request supports issues addressing mental health, homelessness, affordable housing and elder care. We are aiming for 75 participants from GCPC to contribute to a Network goal of 2,000 participants. We have a sign-up poster on the Mission bulletin board, which is in the hallway across from Heartland Hall. For any questions or for more information, please contact:

- Dave Pack: djpack.12645@gmail.com
- Don or Joy Wilson: donjoywilson@gmail.com
- Eileen Thomson: esthomson@gmail.com

SIGN UP TO WORK WITH HABITAT KC AT GCPC ON MAY 8! Use this link to sign up: <https://build.habitatkc.org/reservations/23655?auth=1772049834> — put your name and email address in the first open spot under the “Participants” heading on the left.

We can send up to eight people on [Friday, May 8, 8:30am–3pm](#). **Registration closes at 12pm on Friday, April 24.**

You’ll get an e-mail after registering inviting you to complete the volunteer application. This must be completed by the deadline! Spots are on a first-come, first-served basis, so don’t wait until the last minute.

- The workday is from 8:30am–3pm, with a 30-minute onsite lunch break. Bring your own lunch and a full water bottle (extra water will be available on site).
- Construction volunteers do not need to have any prior experience in construction or bring any of their own tools; all education and tools will be provided!
- All registered volunteers will receive their assignment location via automated email 3 days prior to the volunteer day.
- In case of inclement weather, please call our Weather Hotline at 816-897-7799 to hear the recorded message for any cancellations or changes. We update the message by 7:15am each morning.
- We ask that all volunteers stay the full day, from 8:30am to 3pm.
- We highly recommend you bring a water bottle with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirt, mud or house paint on, and wear sturdy/closed toe & heeled shoes (NO flip flops, sandals or crocs!) If you have work gloves, please bring them.
- Dress for the weather. If there has been rain on previous days, be prepared for the sites to be muddy.
- The use, purchase and possession of alcohol, drugs and weapons are forbidden on Habitat KC property and volunteer sites.
- All volunteers must be 16 or older to volunteer. Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING will be directed to the PCUSA Special Offering One Great Hour of Sharing. Mark any checks you put in the offering plate "Communion Offering" or use the "Communion Offering" option in the online giving portal.

OUR APRIL DONATION PARTNER was meant to be A Gathering of Friends, but we have lost contact with that organization and it's unclear if they are still operating. So, if you feel called to donate food in April, please concentrate on our support for the Renewed Hope Food Pantry — just put your donations in the wooden bin in the Weekday Entrance.



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